M/s. Jyoti Wire Industries and xerox copies of travellers cheques were found;

(b) whether any investigation was carried out with the Bank of America, to find out whether any travellers cheques issued by the Bank of America and utilised by the Managing Director of Jyoti Wires were issued to or utilised by him;

(c) whether FERA has carried out any further investigations and if so, what are the details;

(d) whether it is also a fact that during the raid certain handwritten personal diary maintained by the Managing Director of Jyoti Wires were found indicating large cash transactions and if so, what action has been taken by the concerned authorities; and

(e) what is the amount of demand based on those diaries, the department has made on the Managing Director of M/s. Jyoti Wire Industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir. Photocopies of certain incriminating documents and travellers cheques were seized. Whether any excess expenditure was incurred abroad by the Managing Director of M/s. Jyoti Wire Industries, can only be established on completion of relevant assessments.

(b) and (c) Necessary enquiries have been taken up by the Income Tax Department and the Enforcement Directorate.

(d) Photocopies of one handwritten diary maintained by Shri V. D. Mehta, Managing Director of M/s. Jyoti Wire Industries indicating cash transactions for the period 1979, 1980 and 1981 were found and seized. On the basis of these photocopies assessments of Shri V. D. Mehta, for the assessment years 1980-81, 1981-82 and 1982-83 have been re-opened.

(e) Demands would be raised on completion of assessments.

Tests carried out as Homoeopathic Medicines

1098. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether same batch of imported Homoeopathic medicine, Cineraria Martima was tested at two different Government laboratories separately in 1989;

(b) whether both the laboratories had declared the product sub-standard;

(c) if so, which are the tests in which Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory had cleared the product and the Central Drugs Laboratory, Calcutta had made adverse remarks;

(d) whether imported consignments of Cineraria Martima are being tested and cleared by Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory at presents and not a single consignment has been declared sub-standard in 1991; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Director, Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory (H.P.L.), Ghaziabad has declared the sample of Cineraria Martima Succus (CMS) Batch No. 133/4 manufactured by M/s. Willmar Schwabe, West Germany passes, in respect of test for specific gravity (Result obtained 1.0 as against the limit of 1.008 to 1.020). The Director, Central Drugs Laboratory, Calcutta has declared the sam-

ple of the same batch to be not of standard quality in respect of specific gravity (Result obtained 1.0234).

(d) and (e) The H.P.L. has not tested any samples of imported CMS in 1991. However, imported samples of Cineraria Martima Schwabe eye drops made by Willwar Schwabe was tested as per protocol submitted by the manufacturer for label claim and had passed. Sample of Cineraria Martima eye drops manufactured by Laboratory Poiron, France, was also tested and found to be not of standard quality.

Import of Cineraria Martima

1099. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether our country is importing Cineraria Martima eye drops from Germany;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this product is not marketed in Germany and also not consumed by them; and

(c) if so, the reasons for which it is being imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to available information, the product is not marketed in Germany and the Drug Control organisation in this Ministry has no information whether the drug is consumed by them. However, the drug is not reported to be banned in Germany.

(c) The import of Cineraria Martima eye drops manufactured by M/s. Willmar Schawbe, West Germany has been going on for a number of years because the doctors have been prescribing it.

Interim relief for Central Government Employees

1100. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) What is the All India Official whole sale price index in respect of all commodities during the month ending August, 1991;

(b) Whether Government have taken any decision so far to grant some interim relief to Central Government's hard hit fixed salaries employees/retired Central Government employees during the ensuing festival period this year; and

(c) if so, the likely amount of relief and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) The Whole Sale Price Index for all commodities was 206.5 on week ending 17th August, 1991.

(b) There is no provision for the grant of Interim Relief to Central Government employees/pensioners due to price rise.

(c) Does not arise.

Members of Central Council of Homoeopathy

1101. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the persons elected or nominated to the Central Council of Homoeopathy should be registered with the Board| Council of Homoeopathic system of Medicines of respective States|Union Territories on the date of their election or nomination;

(b) whether Government propose to review the credentials of the elected and nominated members of the present Central Council of Homoeopathy; and